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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOSHIHIKO SAKASHITA, ET AL. : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLN :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: HIGH PRESSURE PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS AND HIGH PRESSURE  
PROCESSING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Preliminary to the examination of the application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.